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From: Tanaka, Joan [Tanaka.Joan@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: need a just couple sentences on Kazoo for Admin report -today if possible - if not, first thing Monday -Thanks!

This is fine for a report to the Administrator, however, we would not make statements about EPA's favored remedy to the public at this juncture, so just be sure this will be held internal to EPA.

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From: Mcseveney, Megan
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 2:27 PM
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Joan,

Can you review the below? Anne Rowan would like us to add a short write-up on the Allied tour for the administrator's report.

Thanks!
Megan

On May 27, Region 5 Superfund Director Rick Karl is scheduled to join U.S. Rep. Fred Upton and Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell along with representatives from the offices of Senators Levin and Stabenow for a tour of the Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo, MI. The Allied Paper Landfill is the largest of four disposal areas in the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site, which also includes five former paper mill properties and more than 80 miles of the Kalamazoo River and Portage Creek, all contaminated with PCBs. EPA is currently evaluating cleanup alternatives for the Allied Paper Landfill ranging from consolidation and capping (\$41 million) to complete removal (\$189 million).

EPA has not yet issued a proposed cleanup plan for public comment, but favors the consolidation and capping alternative because it is a protective and cost-effective remedy. Mayor Hopewell, Rep. Upton, and various public groups have expressed their desire for complete removal of the landfill, citing perceived threats to the municipal water supply and potential hazards posed by a PCB landfill adjacent to residential areas that are Environmental Justice communities. EPA, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the city of Kalamazoo are currently exploring scenarios which would allow for productive redevelopment of the Allied Paper Landfill, even if waste is left in place.

